



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 9, 2007

H.R. 786

An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demonstration Project, and for other purposes

As passed by the House of Representatives on April 17, 2007

SUMMARY

H.R. 786 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning, design, construction, and assessment of a water supply augmentation demonstration project in Los Angeles County, California. The demonstration project would be carried out in cooperation with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$1 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the legislation would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 786 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 786 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	*	*	*	0	0

NOTE: * = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted before the start of fiscal year 2008 and that the necessary amount will be appropriated for that year.

H.R. 786 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council, to participate in the planning, design, construction, and assessment of a water supply augmentation demonstration project. The project would be used to demonstrate the use of stormwater runoff to recharge Los Angeles area groundwater, as well as its potential to increase water supply. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that the total project would cost about \$5 million.

Under the legislation, the federal share of the cost of the project would be 25 percent, and federal funds would not be available for operation and maintenance of the project. The authority of the Secretary to carry out the project would sunset 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 786 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The water supply project authorized by the legislation would benefit the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council. Any costs that the council might incur, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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